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Power Management for Energy Systems

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Challenge and Motivation

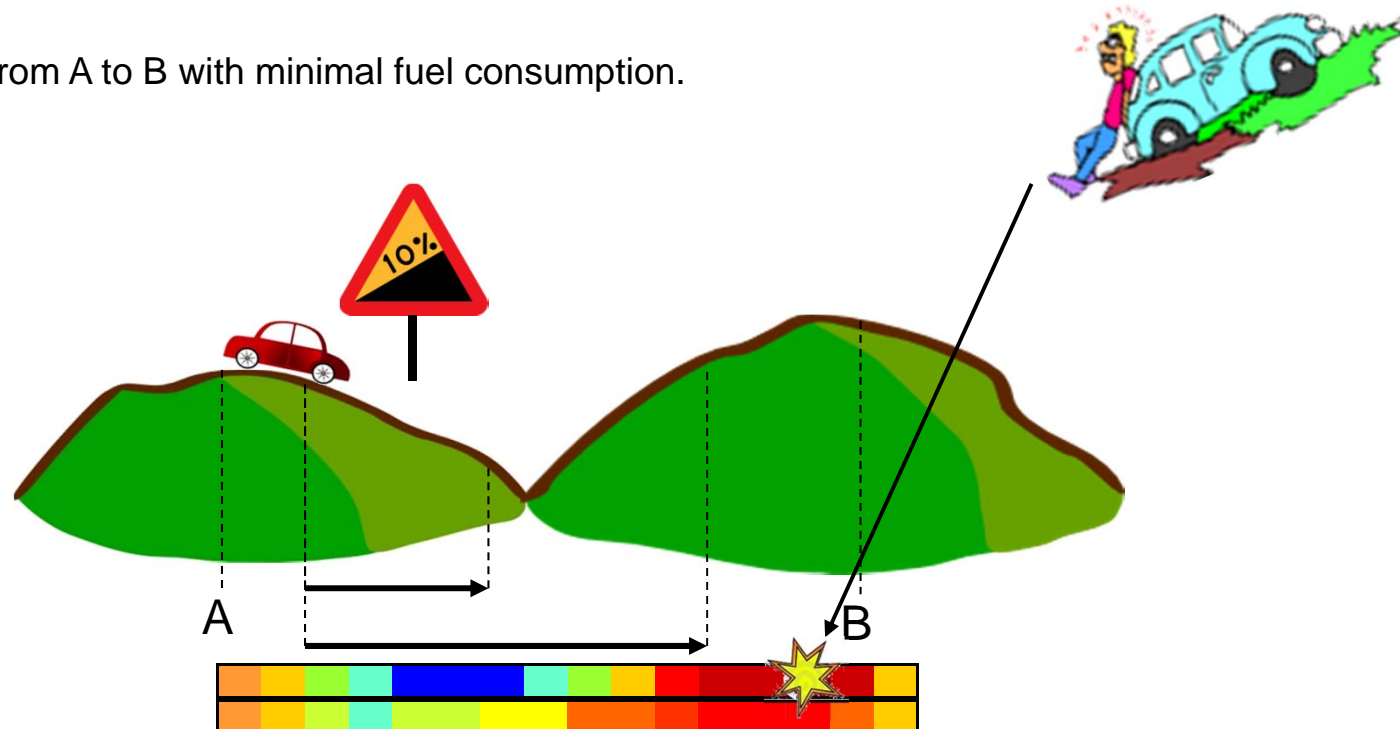
- Wind power is the most important renewable energy source today.
- Goals for reduced CO₂ emission, increased utilization of renewable energy, and phase out of fossil fuels.
- E.g. in Denmark: increase the share of wind power to 50% of the electricity consumption by 2020 and fully cover the energy supply by renewable energy by 2050.
- Wind power production fluctuates → flexible power consumption is needed (smart grid technologies).



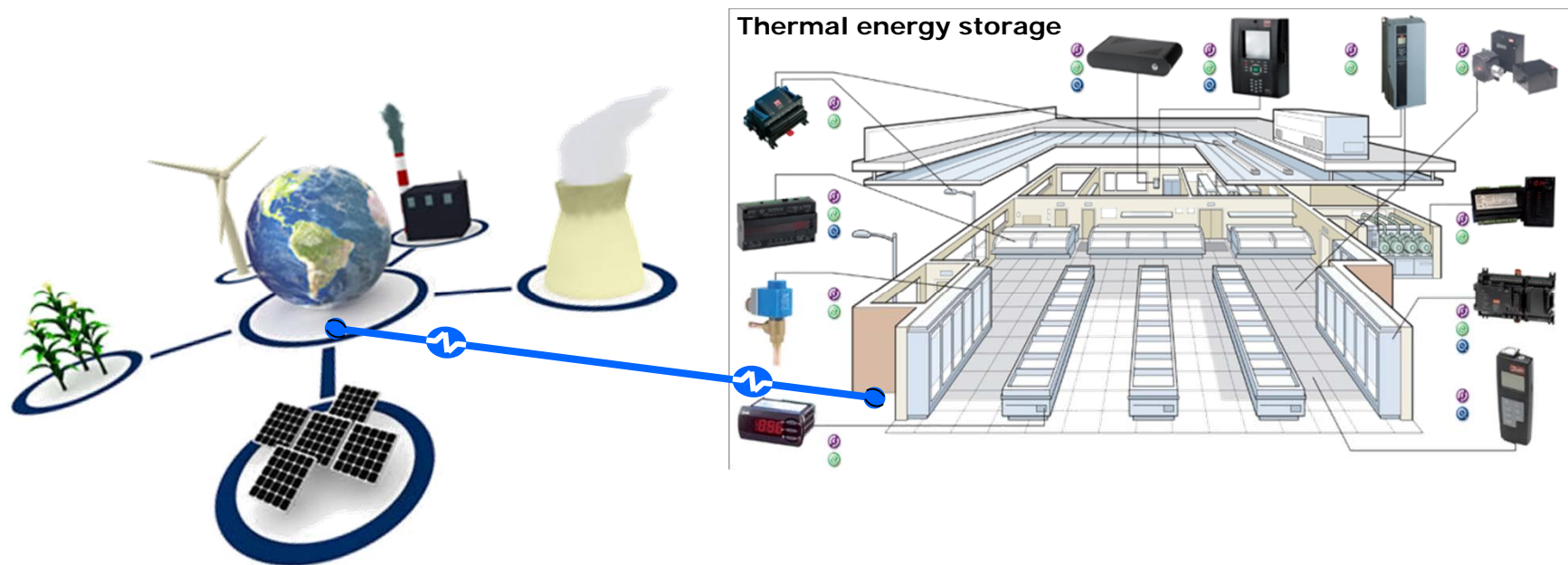
Intelligent load-shifting and scheduling by storing “coldness” for:

- Peak avoidance (foreseeing peaks can reduce dimensioning of the system)
- Minimal power consumption (Cooling at colder periods is more efficient)
- Minimal cost (Energy prices may vary over the day)
- Flexible consumption (More renewable energy calls for flexible power consumption)

Example: Drive from A to B with minimal fuel consumption.

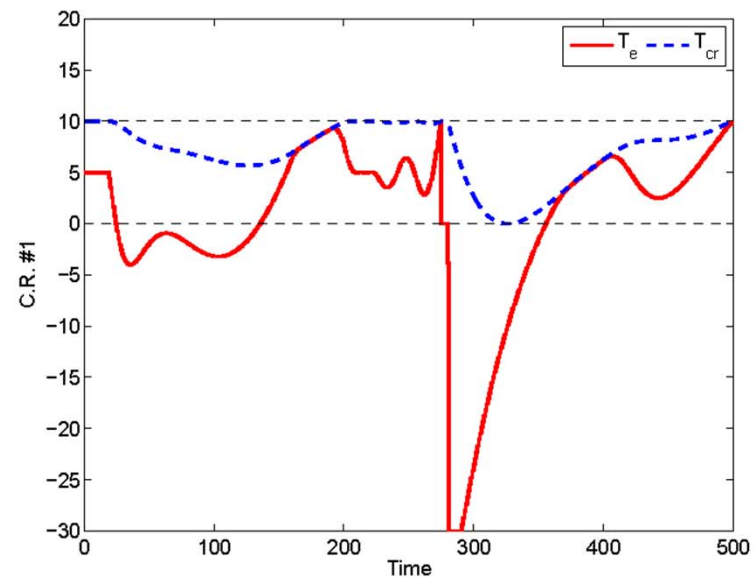
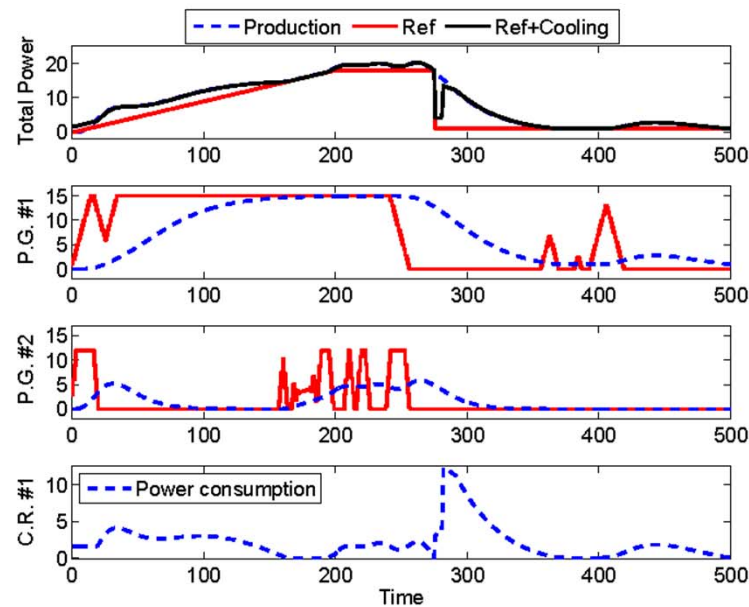


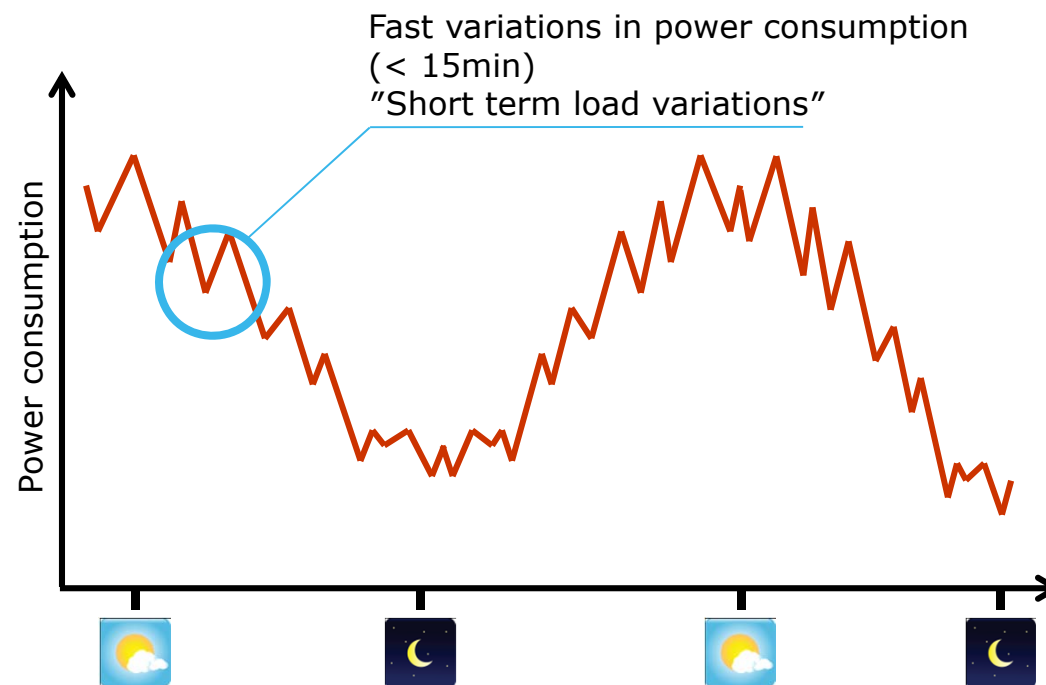
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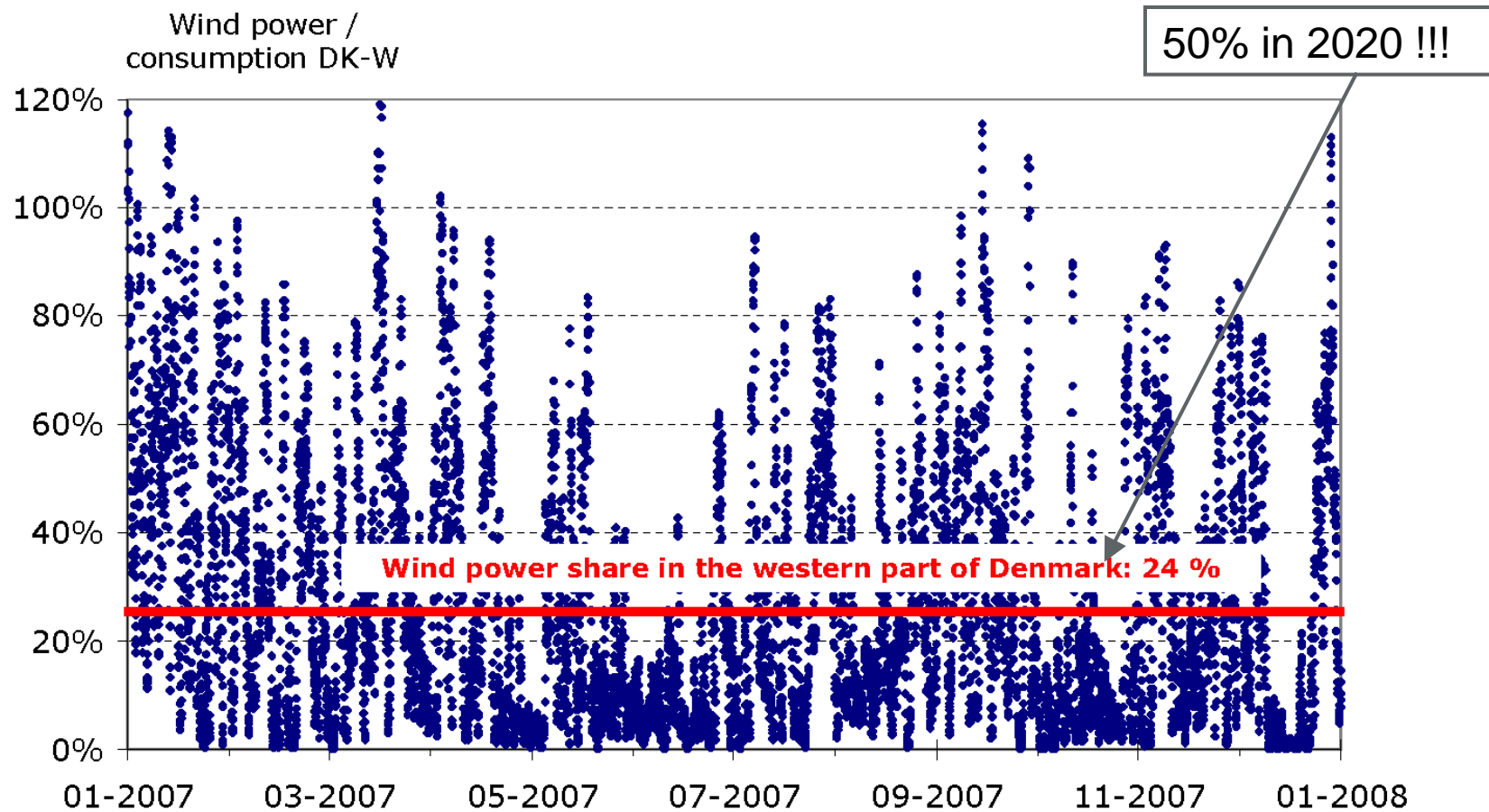


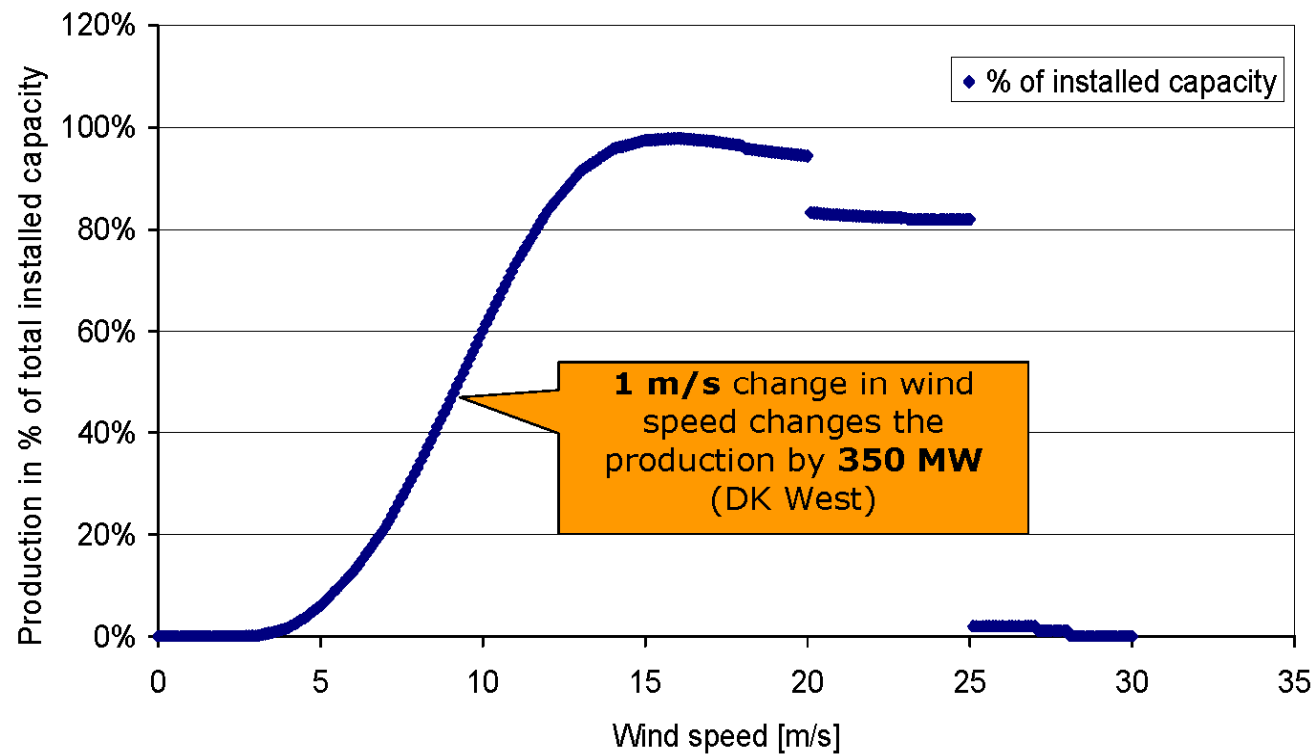
Example: Smart Grid (Flexible consumption).

Economic Model Predictive Control (MPC)
demonstrated on power distribution portfolio
including a cold storage with flexibility.
Presented at CDC 2010.









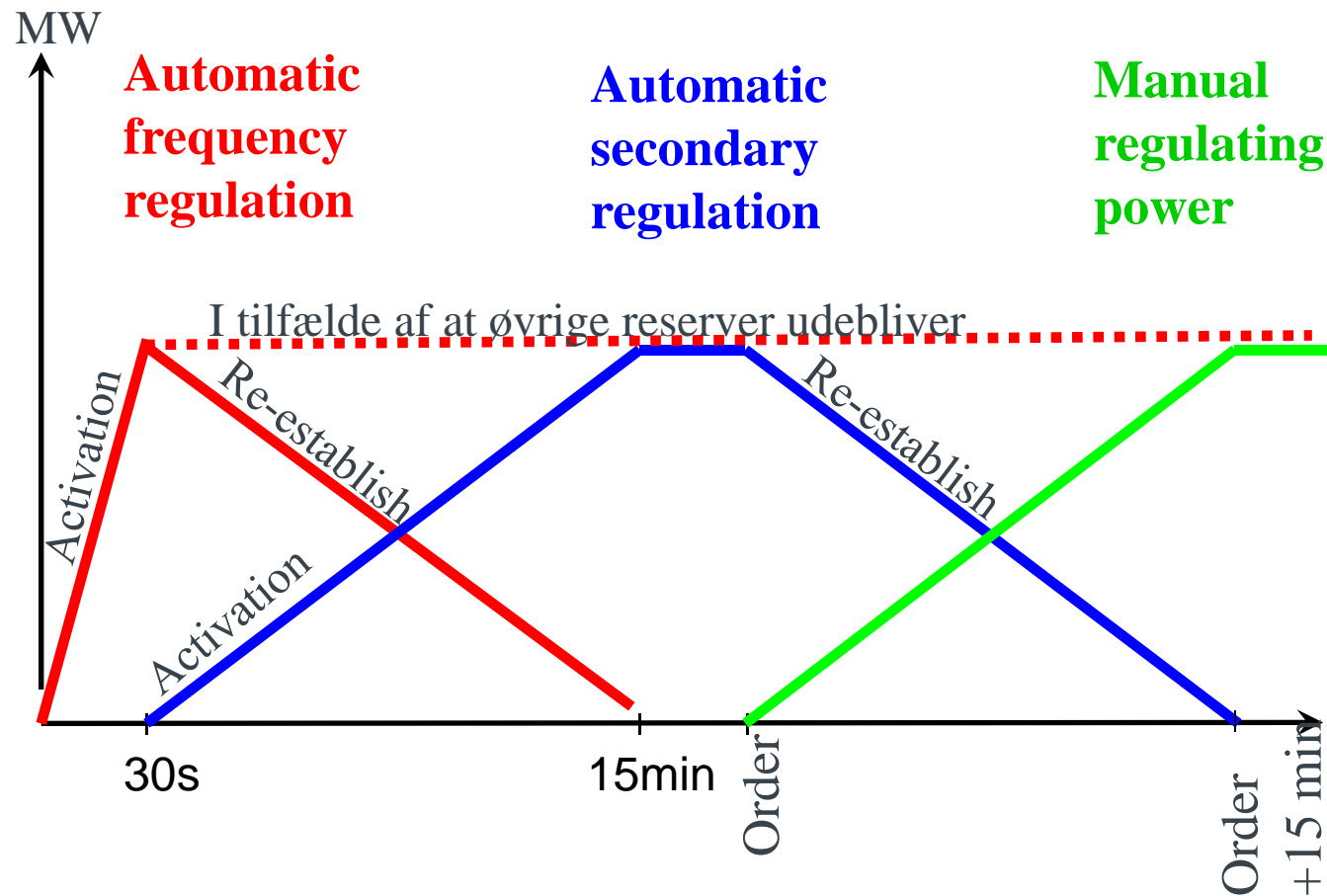
Regulating Power

A brief introduction:

- Ancillary service in order to balance production and consumption (stabilize frequency)
- Up-regulating power: increased production or decreased consumption
- Down-regulating power: decreased production or increased consumption
- Different types (amounts, activation times, automatic/manual)

Regulating Power

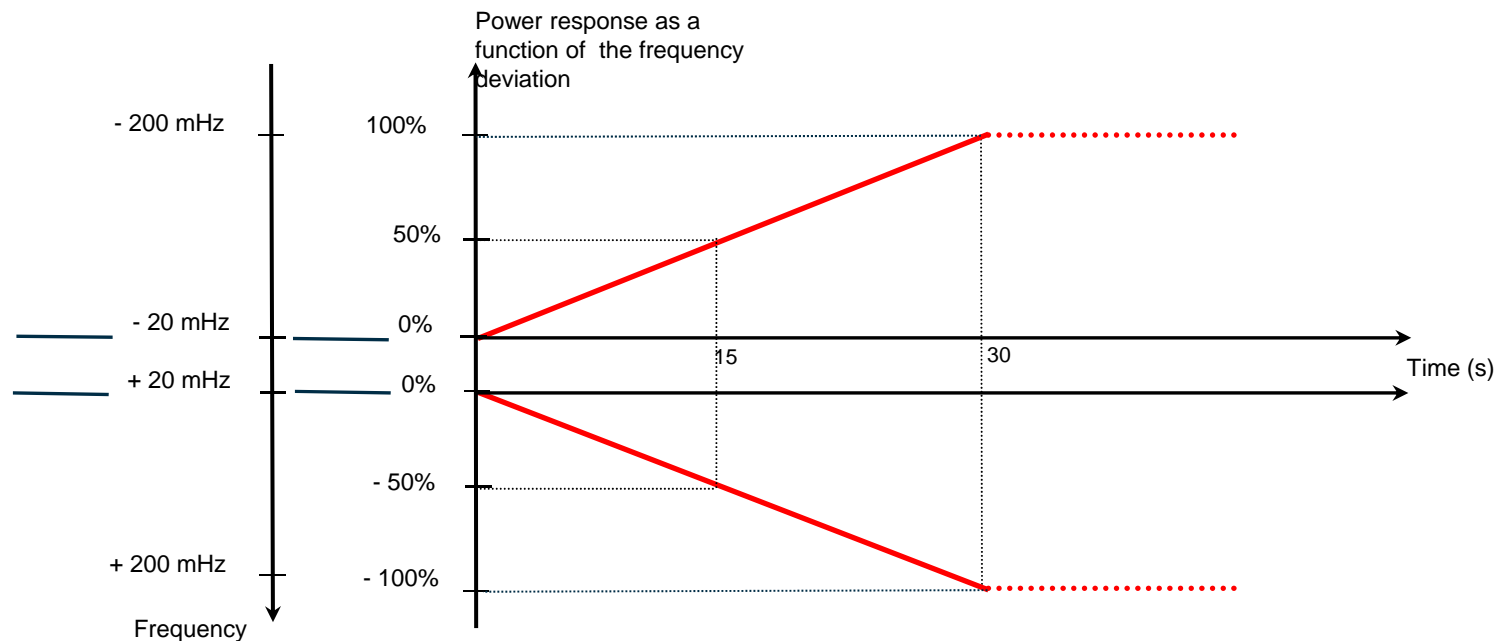
A brief introduction:



Regulating Power

Primary regulation:

- Automatic frequency dependent activation
- Uphold activated capacity for 15 min, re-establish in 15 min.
- No extra payment for activated power
- Availability payment independent of actual activation (non-symmetric up/down)

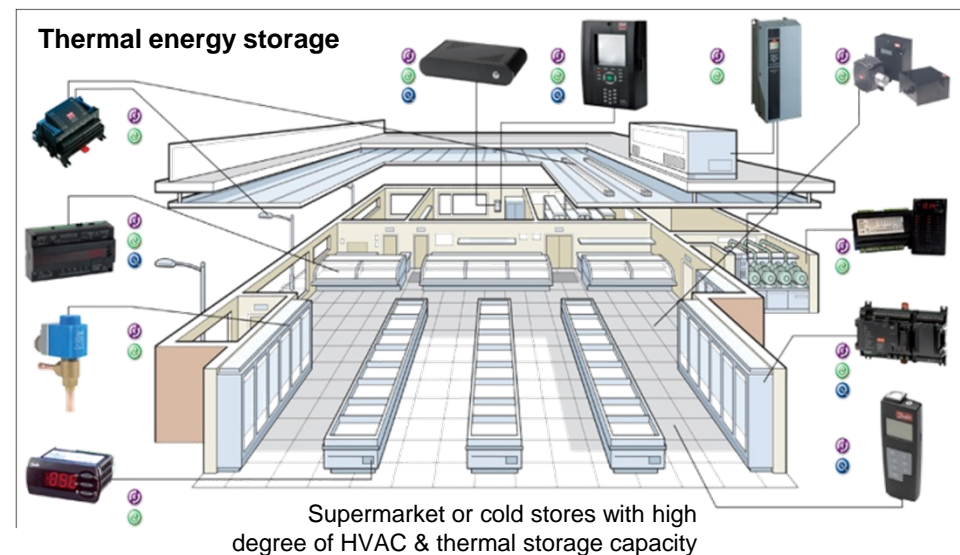


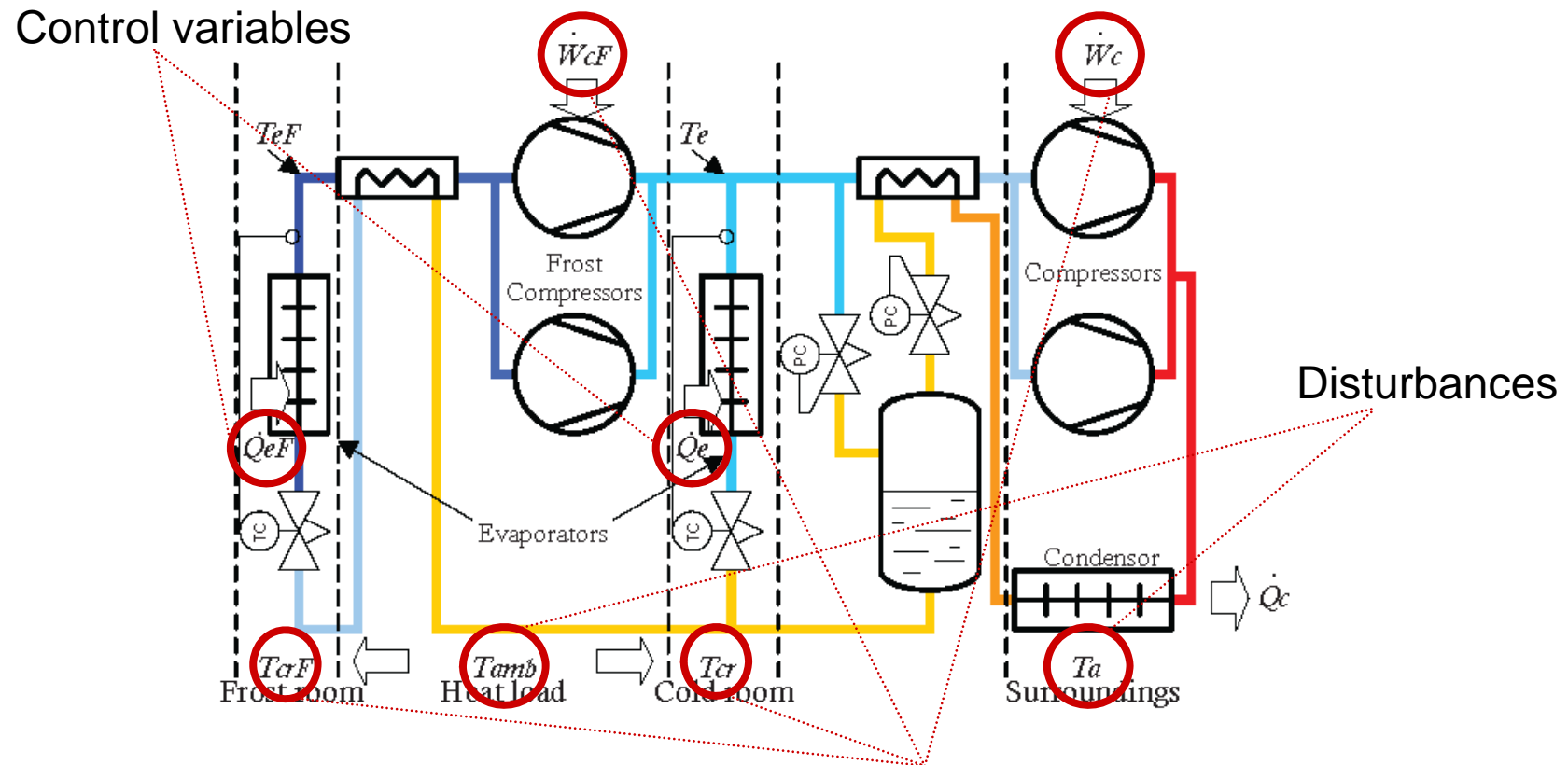
Flexible consumption with intelligent load-shifting and scheduling by storing energy in the form of “coldness”:

1. Utilize thermal mass in e.g. stored goods in supermarkets.
2. Food temperatures allowed to vary within defined limits.
3. Our studies reveal electricity cost savings up to 30%.

But:

1. Food temperatures unknown!
2. Vast variety of systems!
3. Little computational power!





Economic Model Predictive Control (MPC)

Controller cost function:

- With e.g. for regulation:

MPC Control problem:

$$\Phi(x, u) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} L(x(k), u(k))$$

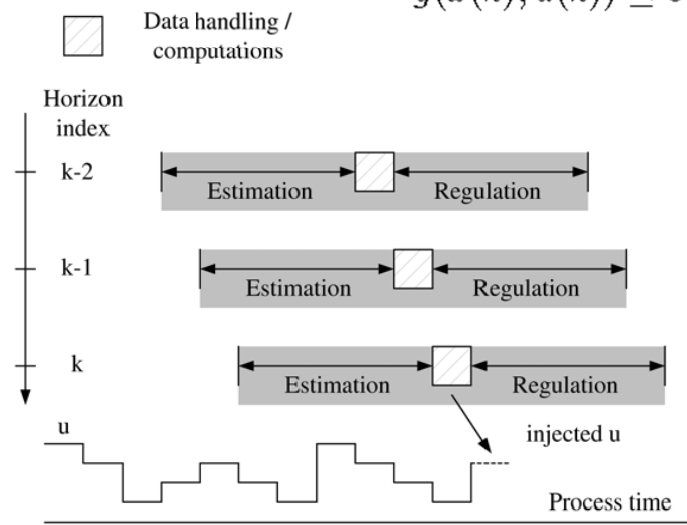
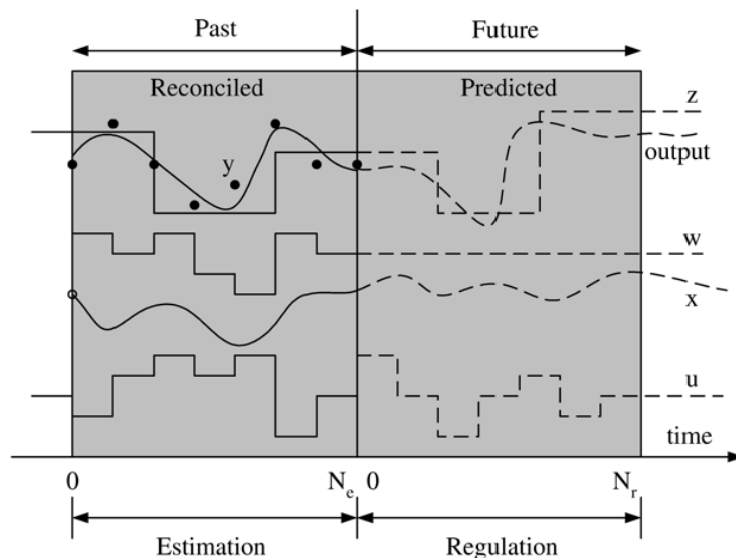
$$L(x, u) = \frac{1}{2} ((x - x_{sp})' Q (x - x_{sp}) + (u - u_{sp})' R (u - u_{sp}))$$

$$\min_u \Phi(x, u), \text{ s.t.}$$

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)$$

$$k = 0, \dots, N-1$$

$$g(x(k), u(k)) \leq 0$$

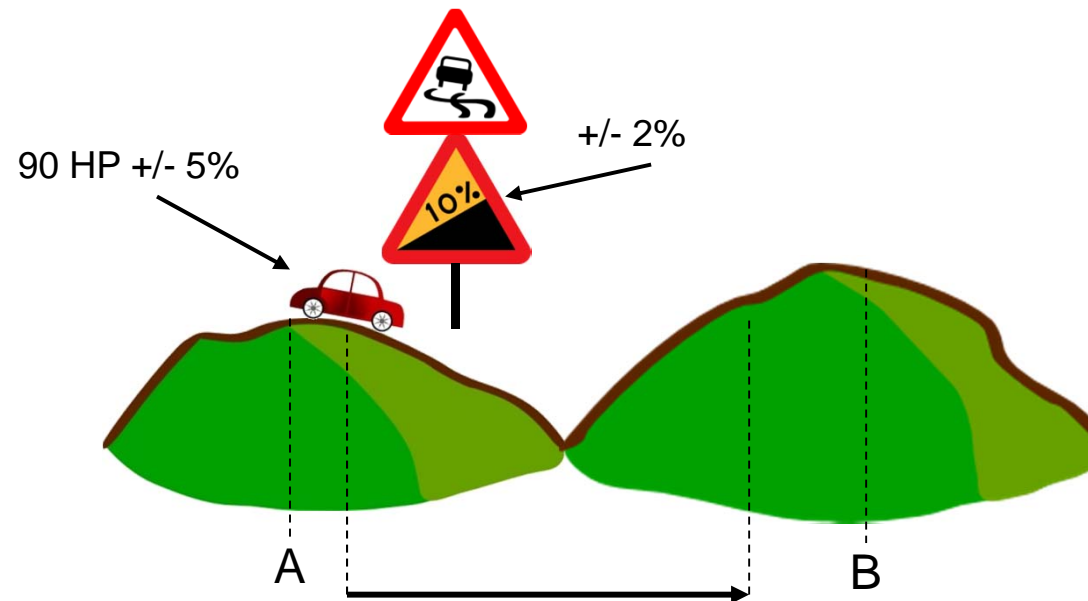


Economic Model Predictive Control (MPC)

- Solve an optimization problem at each sample.
 - Minimize an economic objective related to operation of the system.
 - Repeat in a receding horizon manner
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- + Incorporates predictions of future prices, temperatures, etc.
 - + Handles constraints naturally.
 - + Intuitive formulation of the cost of operation into a control problem.
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- Relies on a model of the system and predictions of the disturbances.
 - Can involve quite complicated numerical optimization problems.

Example: Uncertain predictions and models.

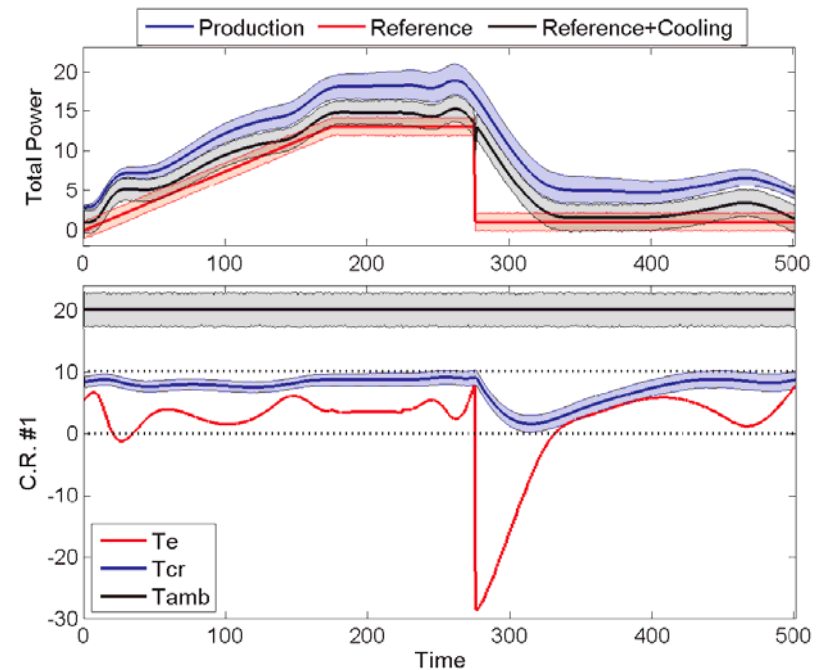
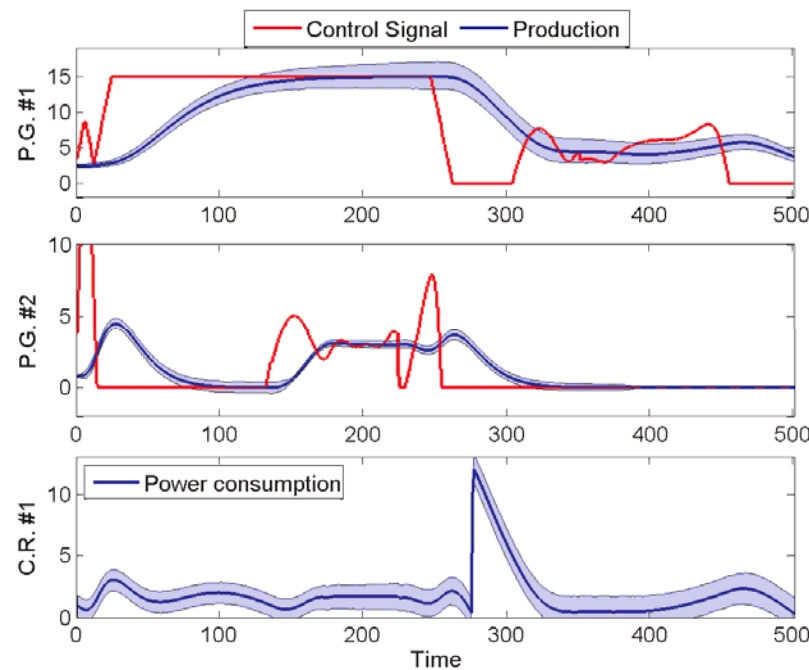
- Example: Drive from A to B with minimal fuel consumption. Stay on the road!



Example: Uncertain predictions and models.

Second Order Cone Programming (SOCP) for
uncertainties in Economic MPC problems.

Presented at CDC-ECC 2011



Our Solution

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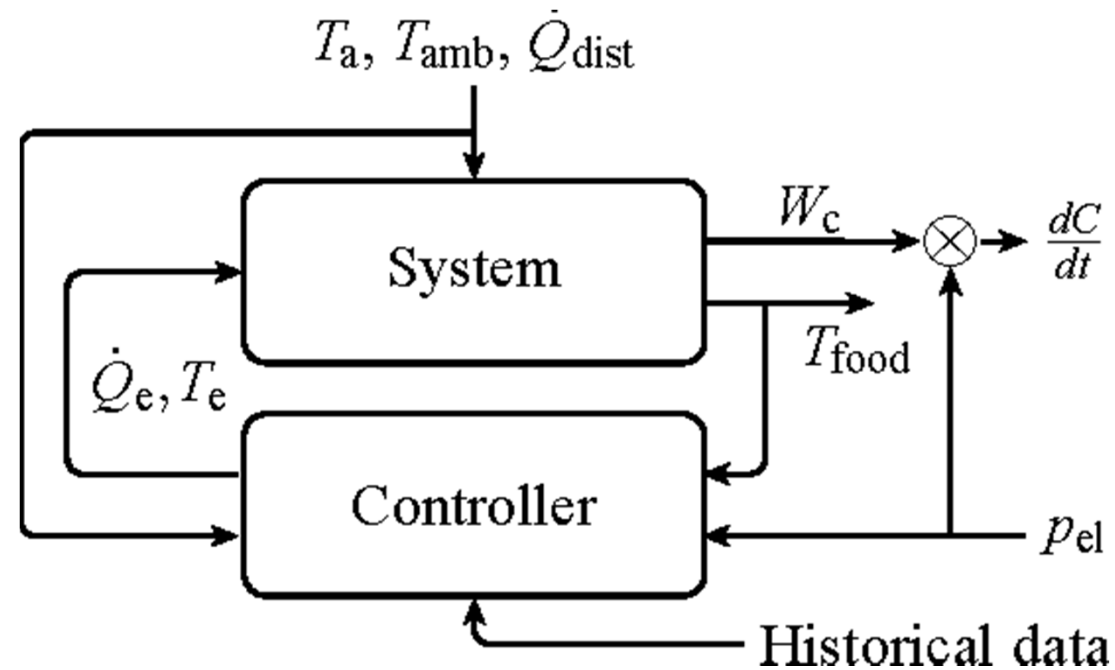
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Overall setup



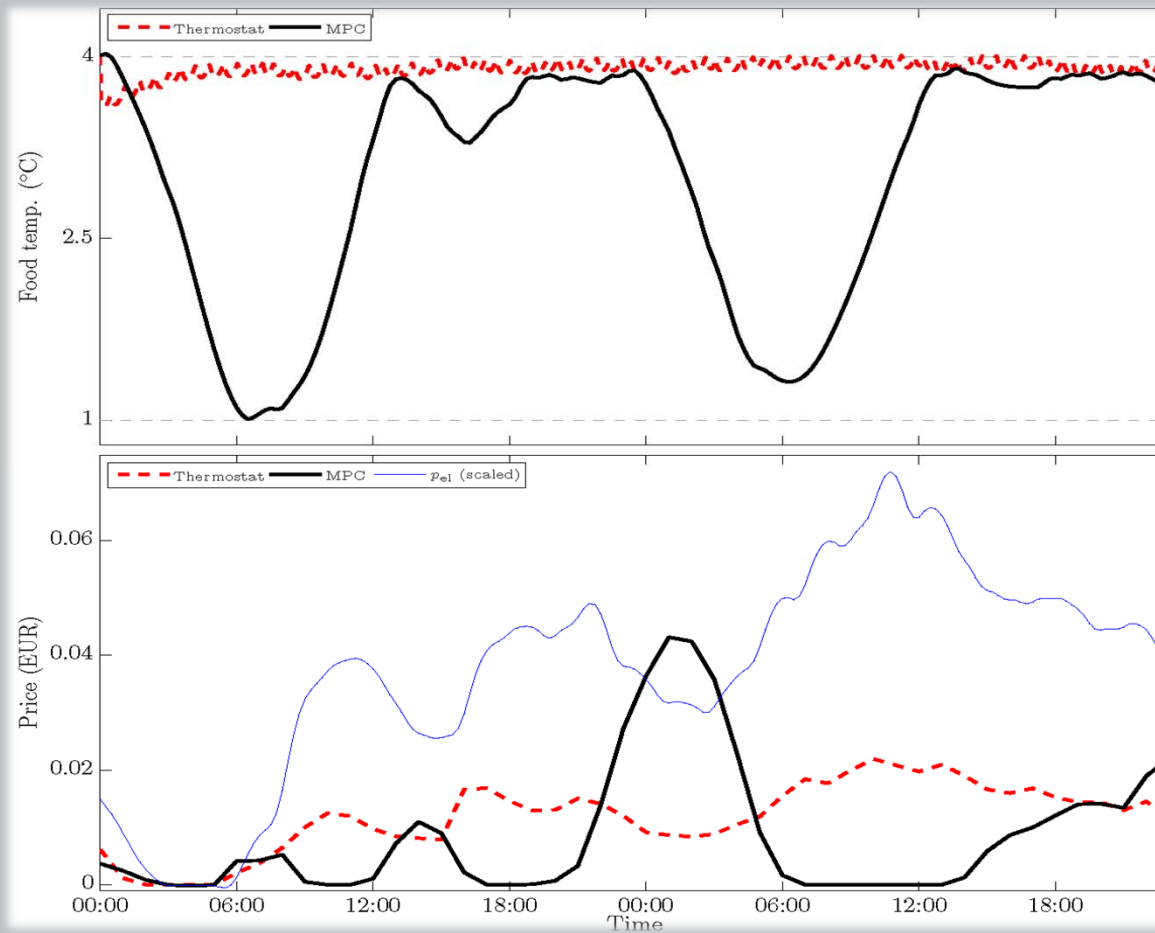
Simulations:

- Covering a full year (2010).
- Outdoor temperature from Denmark.
- Electricity prices from Nordpool.
- Uncertain heat load disturbances and thermal masses.
- Verified models from supermarket in operation in Denmark.

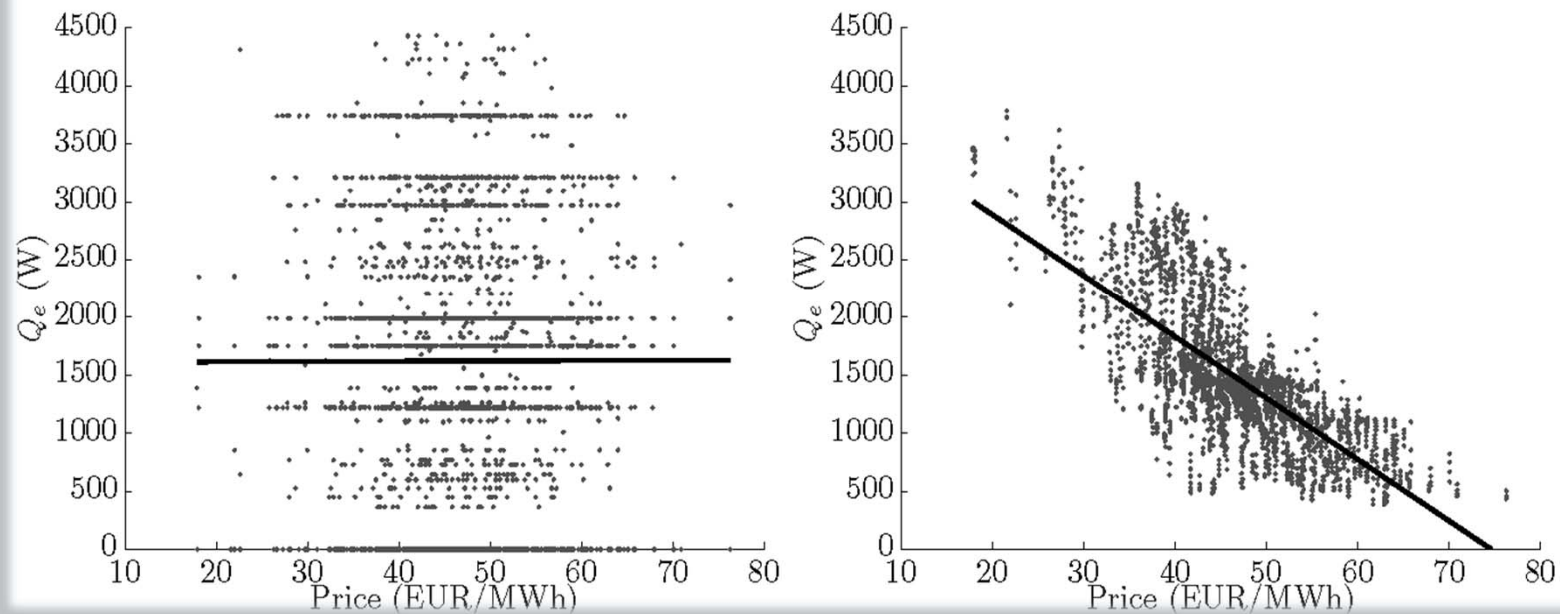
Implementation:

- Optimization problem solved iteratively
- Ultra fast solvers for real-time implementation.
- Soft constraints and back-off for robustness.
- Predictors trained on historical data (previous three years).

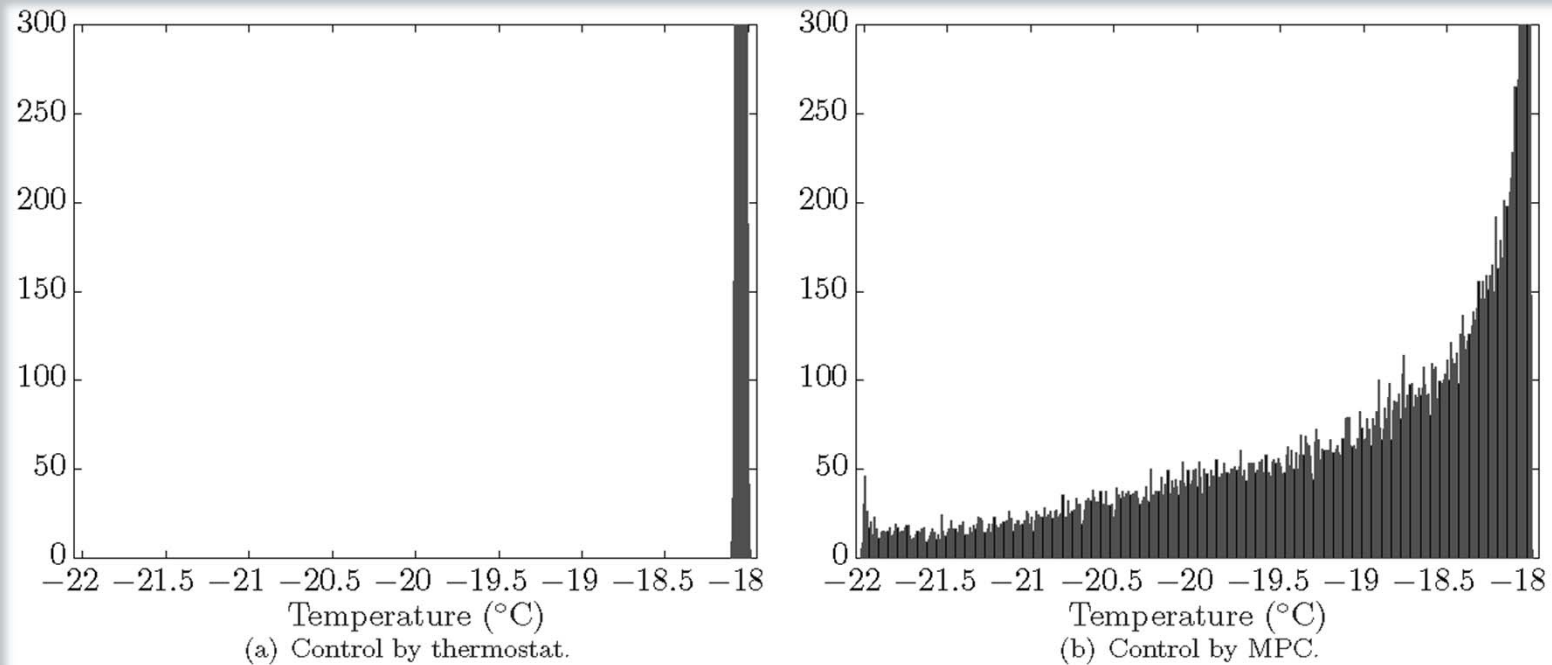
Temperature profile



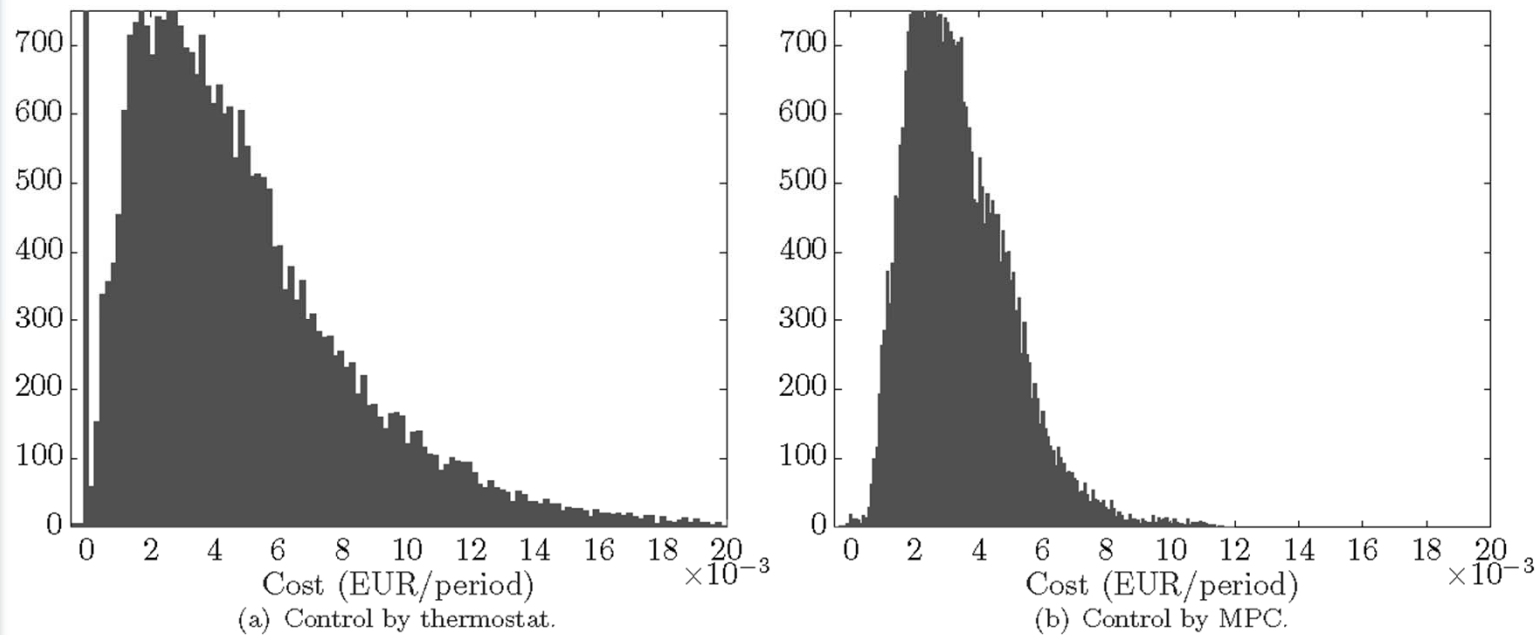
Demand response



Temperature distributions



Price distributions



Key findings:

- Cost savings around 30 %
- Potential for additional savings by offering regulating power.
- Very simple predictors are sufficient.
- Prescient simulation improves total cost with less than 2%.
- Closed-loop performance is quite robust against variations in model parameters.

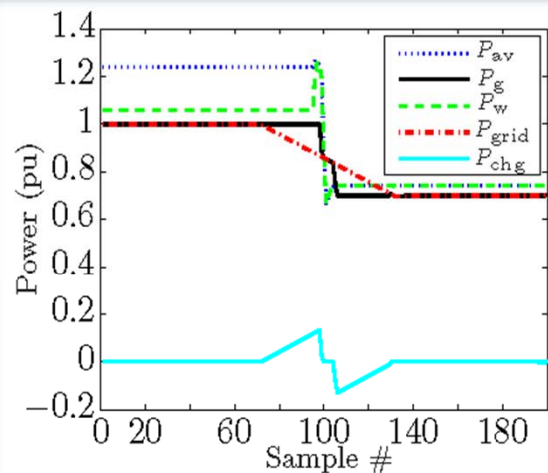
Additional results include:

- Robustness investigations:
 - Advanced method with known probability distributions for the uncertainty.
 - Simpler version with back-off tuned to make constraint violations very infrequent.
- Modeling of dynamical systems for optimization and MPC purposes.
- Analysis of “active thermal mass” in foodstuffs.
- Experiments, identification, and validation on real systems in the lab.
- Investigation of optimization methods for industrial applications:
 - Standard linear and non-linear solvers.
 - Simplified problem formulations for linear solvers.
 - Dedicated fast embedded optimization techniques.

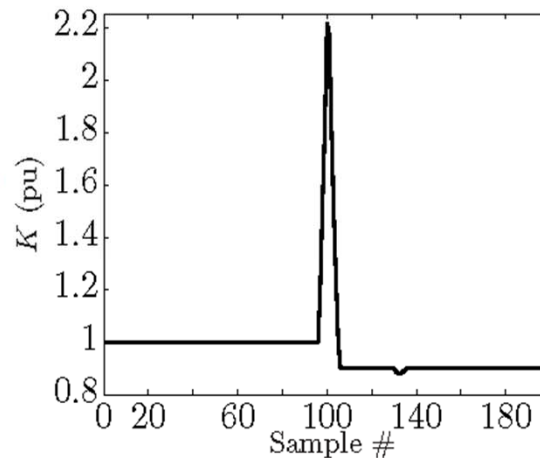
Co-control of wind power plant and flexible power consumers:

- We prove a potential for combining
 - wind speed forecasts,
 - control of wind turbines
 - and control of flexible power consumers (e.g. chains of supermarkets).
- Goals:
 - Improve integrability (grid friendliness) of wind power to the grid.
 - Obey tight grid codes.
 - Reject disturbances from wind speed changes with minimal power loss.
 - Avoid expensive energy storage solutions.

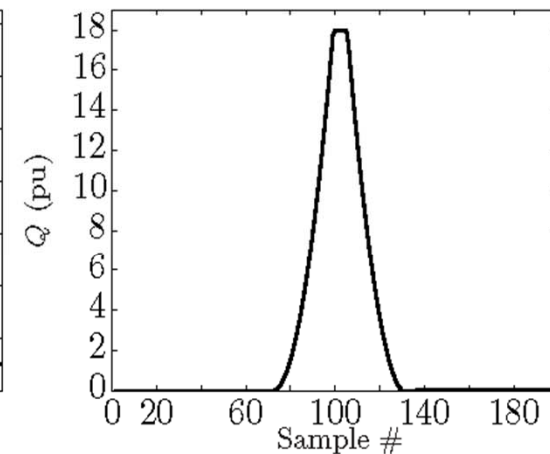
Co-control of wind power plant and flexible power consumers:



(a) Power flows normalized by P_{rated} .

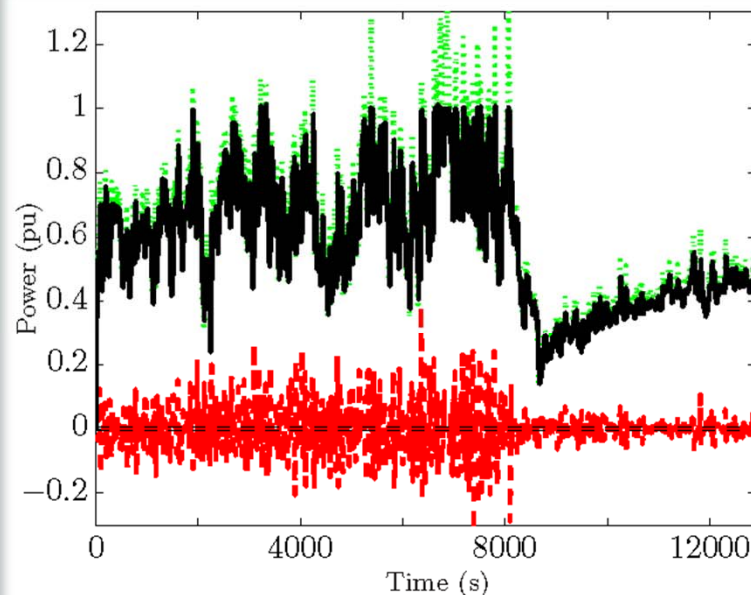


(b) Kinetic energy, $K(t)/K_{rated}$.

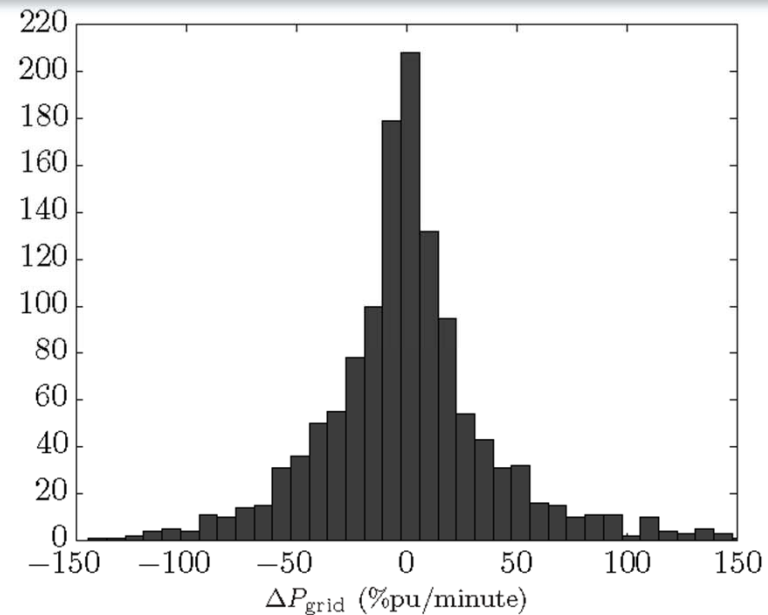


(c) State of charge, $Q(t)/P_{rated}$.

Co-control of wind power plant and flexible power consumers:



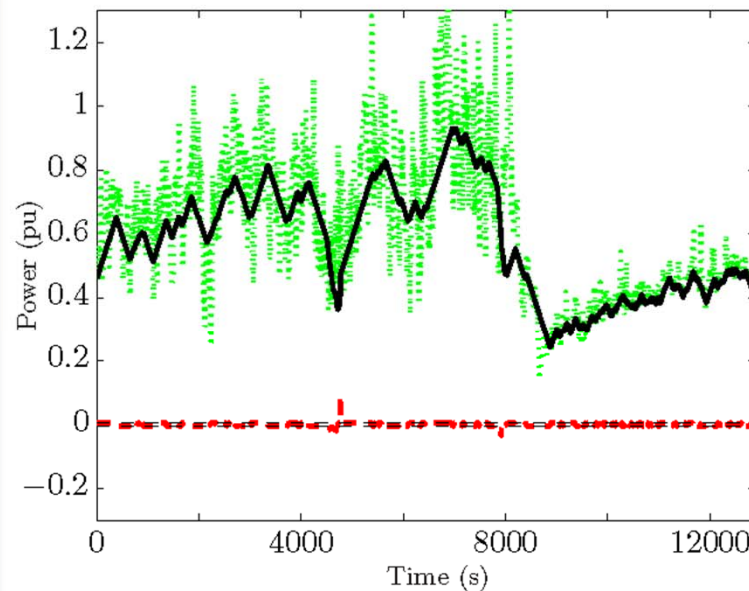
(c) Nominal controller: P_{grid} (solid black), $\max P_{\text{av}}$ (dotted green), and $\Delta P_{\text{grid}}/\text{sample}$ (dashed red).



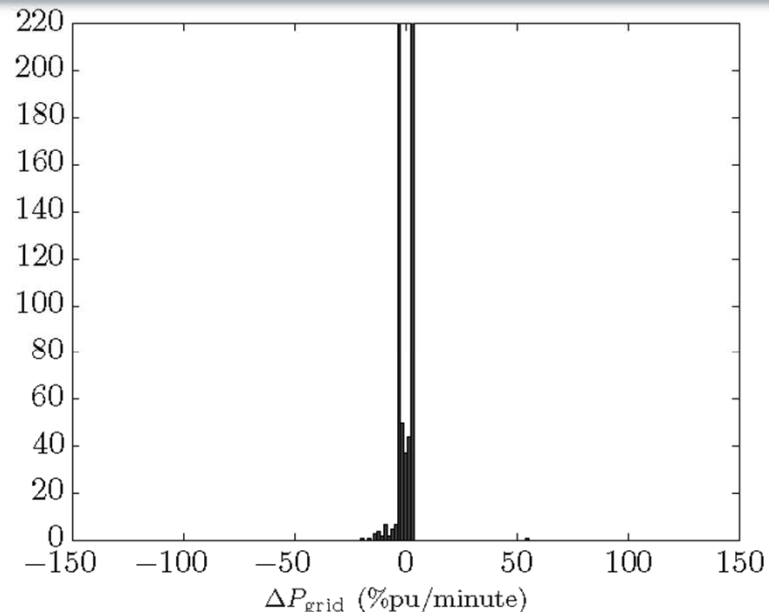
(d) Nominal controller: Power gradient in per cent of rated power per minute.

Nominal controller with real wind scenario

Co-control of wind power plant and flexible power consumers:



(e) MPC controller: P_{grid} (solid black), $\max P_{\text{av}}$ (dotted green), and $\Delta P_{\text{grid}}/\text{sample}$ (dashed red).



(f) MPC controller: Power gradient in per cent of rated power per minute.

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MPC controller with real wind scenario

Findings in project:

1. Investigations and proof-of-concept for flexible power consumption in industrial refrigeration by use of Economic MPC.
2. Enabling load-shifting strategies and regulating power services with significant cost reductions.
3. Challenges in MPC for industrial systems tackled:
 - Model accuracy, computational load, predictions, etc.
4. Synergy and co-control potential with wind energy revealed.

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